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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

TO USMISSION USUN NY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CAR MISSION DEBITS

REF: A. USUN 1826 B. USUN 1281

1. ON RECEIPT OF REF (B) EMBASSY, APRIL 1, PRESENTED NOTE TO MFA
URGING EARLY PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING DEBTS. PROTOCOL DIVISION
ALSO INFORMED OF SITUATION REF (A).

2. ALTHOUGH ONE WOULD EXPECT MFA TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT
OPERATIONS OF ITS MISSION IN NEW YORK, THERE IS REMARKABLE
INSOUCIANCE, WHICH PARTIALLY REFLECTS INABILITY OF MFA OFFICIALS
TO GET ATTENTION OF HIGHER AUTHORITIES ON THIS ISSUE. DEBT
PAYMENTS MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT PERSONALLY AND TO
DATE HE HAS NOT FOCUSED ON SITUATION IN NEW YORK. HE IS,
HOWEVER, AWARE OF SIMILAR SITUATION IN BONN, WHERE OVER DOLS
100,000 IN DEBTS DUE, AND HE HAS AUTHORIZED GERMAN AMBASSADOR
HERE TO TRANSFER HIS EMBASSY'S RENT PAYMENTS, WHICH WOULD
NORMALLY GO TO GOCAR, TO BONN TO BE SET OFF AGAINST OUTSTANDING
DEBTS.

3. WE EXPECT GOVERNMENT TO MOVE TO PAY MOST CRITICAL
OUTSTANDING BILLS, ONCE SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION
COMES HOME TO THEM. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN BANGUI AND NEW YORK
ARE POOR, HOWEVER, AND SOME FURTHER DELAYS MAY ENSUE.

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WE HOPE THAT PUNITIVE STEPS CAN BE AVOIDED FOR TIME BEING

SINCE THEY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE SEEN AT HIGHEST LEVELS
HERE AS USG INSPIRED. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE
AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE WORKING FOR IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL
RELATIONS AFTER FEBRUARY 3 EVENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
STRESS TO MFA NEED TO SETTLE DEBTS PROMPTLY IF CREDITORS
ARE TO BE PERSUADED TO HOLD OFF ON STEPS THREATENED REF
(A).

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